REMARKS

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Paragraphs 1-11 of the Office Action

Claims 1-6, 8, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Swanson. Claims 7,9, 10-12 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 has been amended and now includes the limitations of as-filed claim 7 and intervening claim 6. Claim 1 and all remaining claims depending therefrom, are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested by the applicant.

Paragraph 12 of the Office Action

Claim 13 is allowed.

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CONCLUSION

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In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, early consideration and allowance of this application are most courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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